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WHAT!
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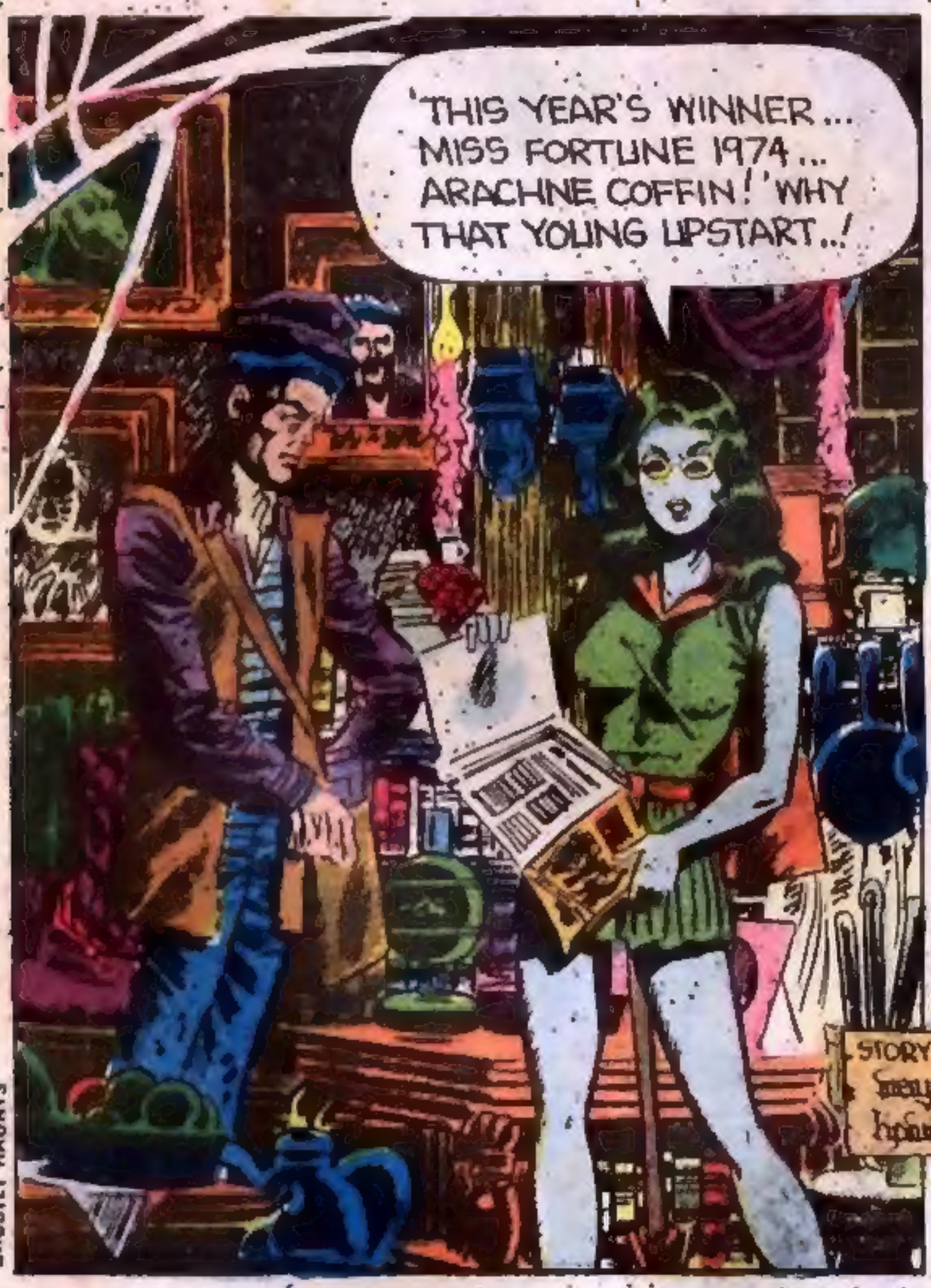

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HELLO..?

OH YES! YOU MUST BE DOCTOR COFFIN AND THE LOVELY ARACHNE! COME IN! COME IN!

MARCO...BRING ME THEIR KEYS!

...AND THIS IS YOUR ROOM, ARACHNE!

...VERY RUSTIC INDEED!

THIS IS OUR HOTEL?

AND SO, THEY SET OUT TO EXPLORE THE COUNTRYSIDE...

THE FORESTS AROUND HERE ARE ALL UNCHARTED! LET'S TAKE A LOOK.

YOU BET!

REMARKABLE! LOOK AT THIS! A NEO-DEVONIA PSILOPHYTE ...ASTEROXYLON MACKIE! A VERY PRIMITIVE FUNGUS!! TAKE A CLOSE LOOK AT IT!

DO I HAVE TO?

DON'T YOU WANT TO?

WELL ...IT SMELLS A LITTLE RANK...

LINCLE...THIS FOREST IS GETTING AWFULLY DARK. MAYBE WE SHOULD HEAD BACK...

JUST A FEW MORE SPECIMENS.

BE CAREFUL...IT'S HARD TO SEE WHERE WE'RE GOING...

LOOK AT THAT! LET'S GET IT!

WHHOAA!

?

...OH! WE APPEAR TO HAVE FALLEN INTO A CAVE...ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

...JUST A LITTLE SORE, LINCLE...

LINCLE CYRUS! LOOK!!

HUH?

AH! THE GODS HAVE SENT US SUITABLE SACRIFICES!

SEIZE THEM!!

GOOD LORD! WHAT A FIND! A LOST CIVILIZATION!

BAH! OBVIOUSLY WE ARE NOT LOST ...BUT CAN YOU SAY THE SAME?

UNCLE CYRUS! SAY SOMETHING!

WELL...HE DOES HAVE A POINT...

YOU WILL SAY NOTHING!

PREPARE THEM FOR THE RITUAL!

THROUGH THE VAST SYSTEM OF TUNNELS AND CORRIDORS THEY WERE DRAGGED TO A LARGE CHAMBER WHERE...

LET THE APPLICATION OF OCHRE BEGIN...

UNCLE...ISN'T OCHRE THE MINERAL CAVE MEN APPLIED TO PEOPLE BEFORE THEY (GULP) DIED?

YOU GET AN 'A' FOR THE SEMESTER, CHILD!

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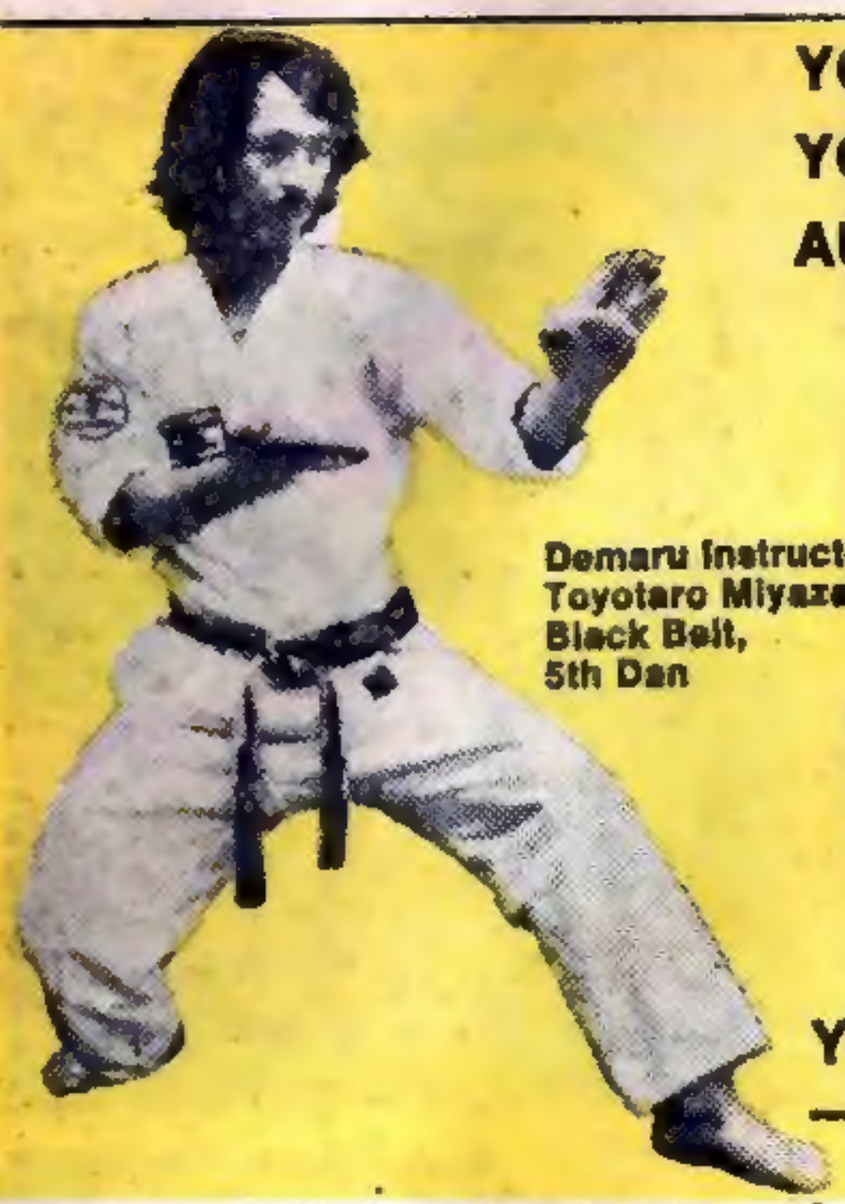

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HMM...IT SAYS HERE THAT ARACHNE WON A TRIP FOR TWO...TO CRYPTANIA!

I THINK I'LL JUST FLY TO CRYPTANIA AND TELL THAT LITTLE TEENY-BOPPER WHAT I THINK OF HER!

AND SO, WITH THE SPEED OF THOUGHT, AWAY SHE WENT... USING A MODE OF TRAVEL AS OLD AS WITCHCRAFT ITSELF!

...CRYPTANIA DEAD AHEAD!

SHE CAME TO REST IN THE HIDDEN LAND...

STRANGE! I SENSE THAT SHE'S VERY NEAR...BUT WHERE?

BENEATH ME! SHE'S SOMEWHERE UNDER THE EARTH!!

I WAS RIGHT! THERE'S A NETWORK OF CAVES UNDER HERE!

HEY! WHAT ARE THEY DOING?!!

STOP!

LOOK!

IT'S WINNIE!

UNCLE! SHE SNAPPED THE CHAINS!

..UH..!

ZAT

I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU GOT YOURSELVES INTO THIS, BUT LET'S GO!

WHAT'S GOING ON HERE!?

AND AWAY WE GO!

NOT MEANING TO DETRACT FROM THE HEROISM OF A TIMELY AND DRAMATIC RESCUE ... BUT...

...ARE YOU SURE NEIL ARMSTRONG STARTED THIS WAY??

AT HER HOME, WINNIE PLAYED HOSTESS OVER COFFEE AND DONUTS AS THEY DISCUSSED THEIR ADVENTURE...

...AN UNDERGROUND CIVILIZATION! IT'S A PITY I COULDN'T STUDY THEM MORE CLOSELY!

...AND OF COURSE WE THANK YOU FOR STEPPING IN TO SAVE OUR LIVES...

I'M ONLY SORRY THAT WINNING THE MISS FORTUNE TITLE TURNED OUT SO BADLY FOR YOU...YOU KNOW HOW I JUST ADORE YOU!

AND I YOU, DAH-LING!

WELL, THANKS AGAIN...WE'D BEST BE MOVING ALONG NOW.

AHHH..THAT'S A SHAME...

NOW, YOU WILL COME AND VISIT US; WON'T YOU, WINNIE DEAR?

AND DON'T YOU BE A STRANGER EITHER!

POOR GIRL:...SHE'S BRIGHT ENOUGH ...BUT NOT VERY ATTRACTIVE...

END

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HAHAHA

NOW, WE KNOW WHY THEY CALL IT SKULL ISL....

WHAT'S THAT?

HAHAHAHAHA

MUST BE SOME KIND OF BIRD OR ANIMAL... THERE AREN'T ANY OTHER PEOPLE ON SKULL ISLAND!

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DON'T GET SPOOKED, KRANSKY!. IT'S AN OLD SKULL ...

IT WON'T SCARE YOU AGAIN, KRANSKY!

LOOK, YOU GUYS... WE KNOW THERE'S TREASURE HERE... WE'VE GOT THE MAP.. WE'RE NOT GONNA GET SCARED OFF BY SOME STUPID NOISE, ARE WE?

HAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHA

YOU NEVER SAID NOTHIN' ABOUT ANYBODY *LAUGHIN'*, HEWLITT!. IT'S MY BOAT AND I'M LEAVIN' !..

AND IT'S MY *GUN* AND I SAY YOU'RE STAYING, KRANSKY! GIVE ME YOUR GUN!

I KNEW YOU WERE A WRONG GUY!. WHEN WE WERE IN THE FLORIDA PEN, YUH WERE A RAT FINK!.

YOU ALWAYS TALKED TOO MUCH, KRANSKY!

THUD!

HEWLITT NEEDED KRANSKY AND FISK... THERE WAS A LOT OF DIGGING.. THE MAP SHOWED THE TREASURE WAS BURIED IN THE CAVE BUT HE DIDN'T KNOW WHERE!

WHY AIN'T YOU DIGGIN', WALT? WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER!.

I'M THE BRAIN OF THIS OPERATION, *DUMMY*! YOU DIG WHERE I SAY IF YOU WANT YOUR THIRD OF THE LOOT!

THEY DUG A LOT THAT DAY... AND SLEPT IN THE CAVE THAT NIGHT BUT HEWLITT DIDN'T SLEEP THAT WELL..

NO... NO!.. DON'T SHOOT, CAP'N!..

HAHAHAHA HAHAHAHA!.. YOU FOOL!. NO ONE WILL EVER GET THE BURIED TREASURE!.

YEAAAAGGGHH!

HEWLITT! WHAT'S WRONG?

HE WIGGED OUT, KRANSKY!

I'M SPLITTIN', HEWLITT!. THIS WAS A STUPID IDEA IN THE FIRST PLACE!

YOU WON'T LEAVE, KRANSKY!. IF YOU TRY, I'LL TELL THE FUZZ WHO KNOCKED OFF THE GUARD LAST YEAR IN THE PEN!

YOU WON'T FINK, HEWLITT! IF YA DO, SOMEBODY WILL PUT A HIT ON YOU; AN' YA KNOW IT!.. I'M GOIN', LIKE I SAID!..

HAHAHAHA

CRAGK!

OH, NO!

I HAD TO KILL HIM, FISK... TO PROTECT US BOTH!

WHADDYA MEAN?

I MEAN KRANSKY WOULD BLAB TO EVERYBODY ABOUT THE TREASURE WE'RE GOING TO FIND ON SKULL ISLAND!

Y-YEAH... I GUESS THAT'S RIGHT!

NOW, GO BACK TO SLEEP, FISK... WE'VE GOT A LONG, HARD DAY TOMORROW!

HOW CAN FISK SLEEP WITH THAT *LAUGHING* GOING ON?

MAYBE HE DOESN'T EVEN HEAR IT!

HAHAHAHAHAHAH

BY MORNING, HEWLITT WAS A WRECK.. BUT FISK HAD SLEPT JUST FINE AND HE ATE A BIG BREAKFAST, PLANNING WHAT HE'D DO AFTER HE WAS RICH!..

CAN'T YOU HEAR IT, FISK?

HEAR WHAT, MATE?

THE *LAUGHING*.. IT'S BEEN GOING ON EVER SINCE WE CAME HERE!.

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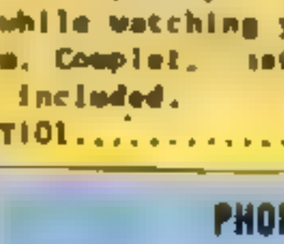

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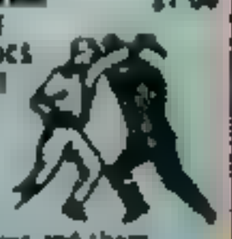

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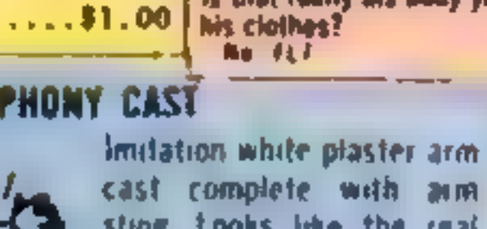

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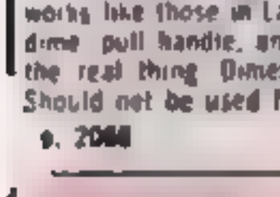

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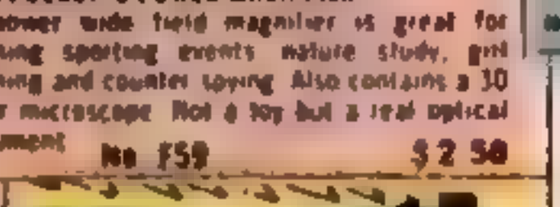

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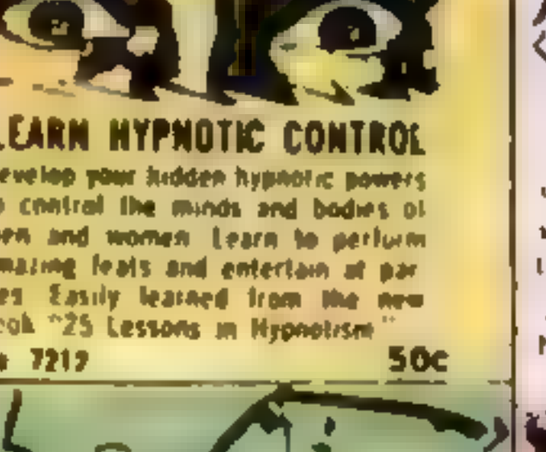

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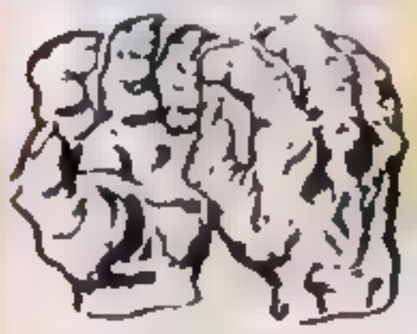

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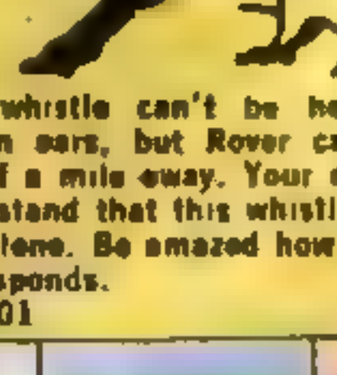

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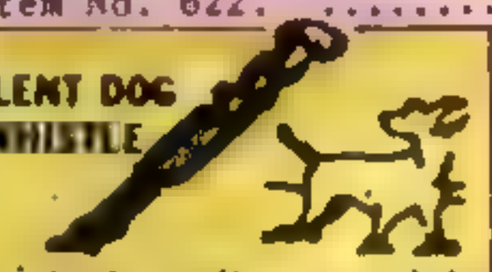

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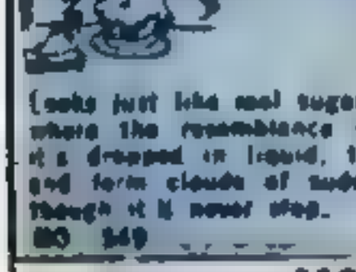

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FISK IS RIGHT... THERE'S NO ONE THERE ... I'M IMAGINING I HEAR SOMEONE LAUGHING!

BACK IN THE CAVE, HEWLITT AND FISK STARTED DIGGING AGAIN... THEY FOUND BONES...

IF THERE WERE AS MANY PIECES OF GOLD AS THERE ARE *BONES* IN THIS CAVE, WE'D BE RICH FOR SURE!

ACCORDING TO THE SHIP'S LOG, FISK, CAPTAIN PATCH GRIMSBY KILLED THE MEMBERS OF THE WORK PARTY WHO BURIED THE GOLD!

YOU DON'T HAVE ANYTHING LIKE THAT IN MIND, *DO YOU*, MATE?

OF COURSE NOT, FISK! WE NEED EACH OTHER!

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THEN, IT HAPPENED... JUST AS IT SAID IN THE ANCIENT TREASURE MAP WALTER HEWLITT HAD FOUND, FISK'S SHOVEL STRUCK SOMETHING METALLIC!..

HEY, MATE!.. I HIT SOMETHING! AND IT ISN'T A ROCK THIS TIME!

CLUNK!

IT'S MOVING! IT FEELS LIKE A METAL BOX!

BLIMEY, IT'S HEAVY, HEWLITT!.

ACCORDING TO THE LOG, PATCH GRIMSBY BURIED A FORTUNE IN GOLD AND GEMS INSIDE!..

HURRY, PARTNER!

PARTNER? YOU GET *ONE* THIRD, I GET *TWO* THIRDS!

ONE THIRD? WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT?.. THERE ARE *TWO* OF US!

YEAH, BUT I KNOCKED OFF KRANSKY.. SO I GET *HIS* SHARE!.

THAT'S FAIR, HEWLITT, SO...

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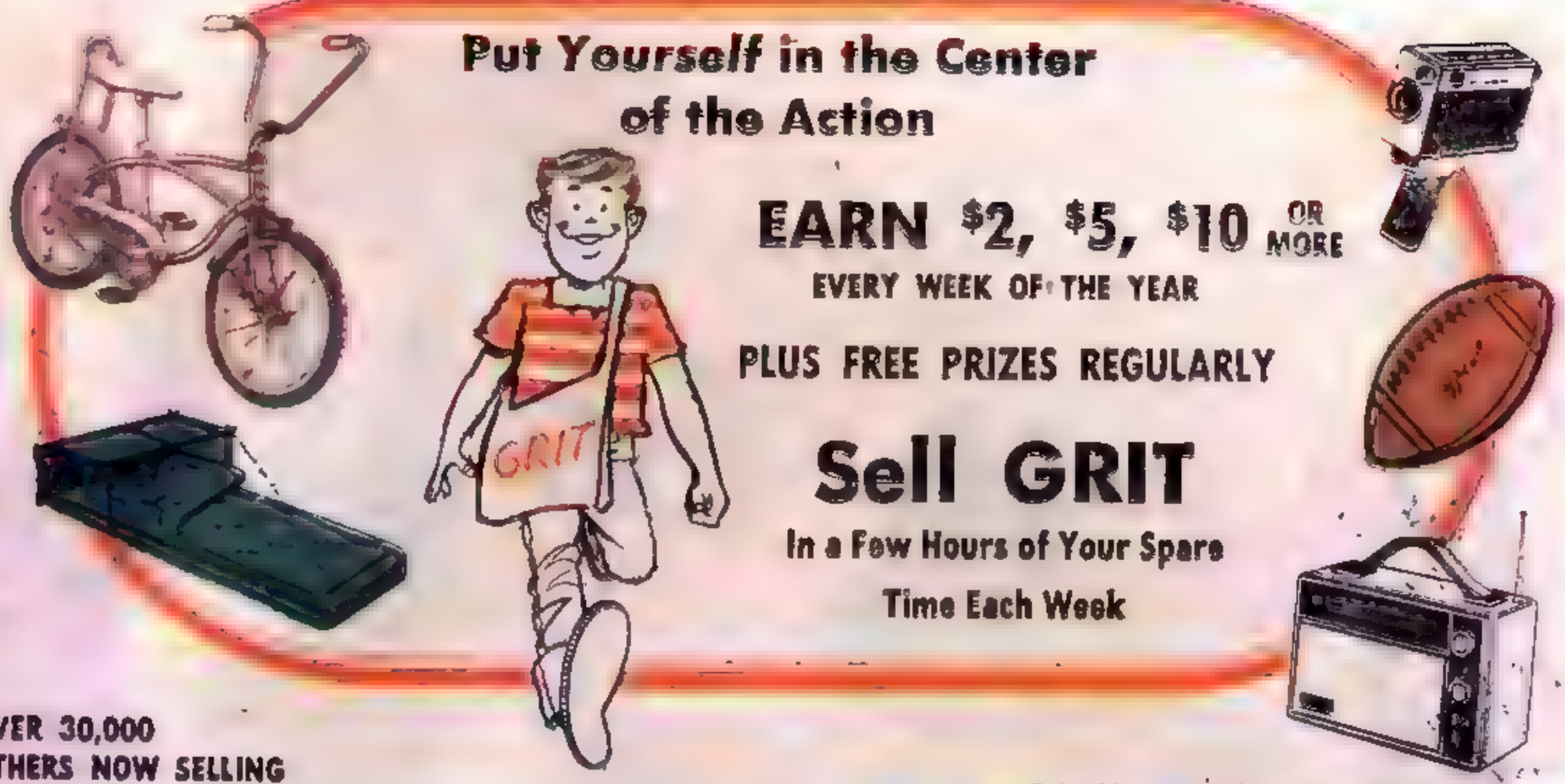

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I KNEW YOU'D GET AROUND TO THIS, FISK!

I JUST THOUGHT OF IT FIRST!

ALL I'VE GOTTA DO IS CARRY THIS BOX OF LOOT TO THE BOAT..THEN I'LL BE RICH FOR LIFE !..

I SHOULD'VE WAITED FOR FISK TO HELP ME CARRY IT DOWN TO KRANSKY'S BOAT!

I CAN HANDLE IT OKAY !. IT'S NOT HEAVY, JUST AWKWARD TO.... WHOOOPPSS !!!

SLIPPED!.

AAAAAHHH!!!

CRAAACK!

WHY'D I KILL KRANSKY AND FISK WHILE I STILL NEEDED THEM?!. I...I CAN'T MOVE!

I'VE GOT ALL THE GOLD AND JEWELS IN THE WORLD... BUT THEY CAN'T HELP ME NOW... I'M DOOMED!

HAHAHAHA... HAHAHAHA! IT'S FUNNY... REALLY FUNNY!.. HAHAHAHA.. HAHAHA!.

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The great passion of AMOS BURR'S life was his hobby of collecting all forms of lore about the DEVIL. He had spent most of his time and money on his obsession, but he still had one exhibit to collect before he could be satisfied that his hoard was complete — — and that was the DEVIL HIMSELF!

DEAR, THE THREE CLERGYMEN YOU WERE EXPECTING HAVE ARRIVED.

OF COURSE, CLARA. BRIEF AS MY SUMMONS WAS, I KNEW THEY COULD NOT RESIST ITS CALL.

THEY CAME BECAUSE OF WHO I AM AND WHAT I CLAIM I CAN DO.

THE MAN WHO HUNTED SATAN

MR. BURR, THIS IS A GREAT HONOR. I AM FATHER TOCCI, THIS IS DR. WALKER, AND THIS IS RABBI HOROWITZ. IT APPEARS THAT WE'VE EACH RECEIVED YOUR RATHER UNUSUAL INVITATION.

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MY INVITATION WAS TO THE POINT, AS I SHALL BE, GENTLEMEN...

I CAN DELIVER SATAN TO YOU!

The three men of the cloth were not novices... they had heard it all before. They knew of people who insisted they had spoken to the devil, others who'd held Satan captive, and there were even a few who claimed they WERE Satan. But, odd as Burr was, he was not from the lunatic fringe.

...AND THE REASON YOU'RE DELIVERING HIM TO US IS BECAUSE OF YOUR HATRED FOR EVIL AND LOVE FOR MANKIND.

NO. I AM DOING THIS BECAUSE YOU ARE EACH GOING TO GIVE ME TWO MILLION DOLLARS IF I SUCCEED.

YOU'RE MAKING FOOLS OF US! I FOR ONE WILL NOT——

EXCUSE ME, DR. WALKER, I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK. WE HAVE DEVOTED OUR LIVES AND WOULD GLADLY GIVE OUR LIVES TO END THE REIGN OF THE PRINCE OF DARKNESS. BUT WE WON'T BE FOOLED!

WE CAN RAISE THE REQUIRED AMOUNT, BUT WE MUST BE CERTAIN IT'S TRULY THE DEVIL WE'RE BUYING.

I WILL ACCEPT NOT A PENNY OF YOUR MONEY UNTIL YOU'RE ALL SATISFIED THAT I'M NOT ATTEMPTING A HOAX. PAYMENT ON DELIVERY. AGREED?

GOD BE WITH YOU, GENTLEMEN.

They debated together for a few minutes, but the answer was inevitable.

WE AGREE. WHEN WILL YOU DELIVER?

I WILL CONTACT YOU. I SUGGEST YOU BEGIN TO RAISE THE MONEY IMMEDIATELY SO THAT IT WILL BE READY WHEN I AM.

HE'S A FRAUD!

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

WHY THINK? WAIT AND SEE...

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MUST I GO, TOO, AMOS? I WOULD PREFER TO WAIT FOR YOU HERE.

CLARA, THIS IS A HOLY MISSION. THERE'S NOTHING TO BE AFRAID OF AS LONG AS YOU'RE WITH ME. I KNOW ALL THERE IS TO KNOW ABOUT LUCIFER, INCLUDING HIS WEAKNESSES.

BUT THE DEVIL HAS SUPERNATURAL POWERS AND WE'RE ONLY HUMAN. I'M FRIGHTENED!

YOU ARE GOING WITH ME! HAVE THE SERVANTS PACK!

ALRIGHT, DEAR.

Izmir, Turkey... land of flying carpets and Hindu mystics — But Burr is too much of a realist to be amused by staged magic. He had devoted his life to steeling himself against trickery and soon his mental strength would be tested.

OLIVER! I ALMOST DIDN'T RECOGNIZE YOU IN THAT DISGUISE.

IT IS NECESSARY, MR. BURR, FOR WE HAVE ENCOUNTERED MUCH RESISTANCE TO OUR QUEST. PLEASE COME WITH ME.

I HAVE RESERVED A ROOM FOR BOTH OF YOU AT ONE OF THE FINEST HOTELS IN IZMIR, BUT WE'LL HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL OUR AGENTS HAVE CHECKED IT OUT.

IS THAT REALLY NECESSARY?

Suddenly — as they approach the hotel —

PA-VOOM!

AS YOU CAN SEE, MRS. BUJOR, IT IS NECESSARY. THAT BLAST MIGHT HAVE COST THE LIVES OF FIVE AGENTS, AND MANY OTHER PEOPLE AS WELL!

IF YOU ARE NOT AFRAID OF THE DEVIL, AMOS, AT LEAST BE AFRAID OF THIS!

I WILL NOT BE DIVERTED FROM MY MISSION. DO YOU HAVE ANOTHER PLACE FOR US, OLIVER?

OF COURSE.

The second hotel was a sleazy little hovel, but by its inobtrusiveness, Oliver knew that it was safe for his employer...

OLIVER, WHAT GROUP IS OUT TO DESTROY US?

THEY CALL THEMSELVES BAALOITES AND THEY WORSHIP THE DEVIL. THEY ARE SWORN TO KEEP THEIR MASTER OUT OF OUR HANDS AT ALL COSTS.

IT IS SAID THAT THEIR PRIESTS CAN SUMMON DEMONS FROM HELL, BUT WE BELIEVE THEY ARE MERELY SKILLFUL HYPNOTISTS.

I AGREE. I'LL SEE YOU IN THE MORNING. GOODNIGHT.

GOODNIGHT, SIR.

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For a while nothing happens, but soon Oliver becomes aware that he cannot tear himself away from the mystic's relentless stare.

GRRRR!

As he watches, transfixed, the mystic's features begin to quiver liquidly and change until...

Although the beast is vivid to Oliver, the crowd is mystified as to the cause of his panic. Indeed, it seemed the thing was more of a hallucination than a flesh and blood creature.

YAAAAA!

NO ONE ELSE RAN... GET A HOLD OF YOURSELF, OLIVER... YOU'VE BEEN HYPNOTIZED, PROBABLY BY A BAALOITE. THAT THING WAS NOTHING BUT AN ILLUSION.

OLIVER...

YES, WHO IS IT? WHO WANTS ME?

WE WANT YOU, OLIVER... WE WANT YOU DEAD!

Noooo!

WHERE'S OLIVER?

"OLIVER DIED OF A HEART ATTACK LAST NIGHT, EFFENDI. I AM KADMIZ, SECOND IN COMMAND TO EFFENDI OLIVER, AND I WILL GUIDE YOU TO YOUR QUARRY.

The next morning BUWR expects to see Oliver, but instead they're greeted by a native Turk.

POOR MR. OLIVER.

YES, HE WAS A GOOD MAN. ALRIGHT, KADMIZ, LET'S GET GOING. WE HAVE A LONG RIDE AHEAD OF US.

WAS OLIVER'S DEATH NATURAL, OR DO YOU SUSPECT FOUL PLAY?

HE DID DIE OF A HEART ATTACK, BUT THE LOOK ON HIS FACE WHEN WE FOUND HIM WAS ENOUGH TO SCARE OFF A PACK OF JACKALS.

Their destination is the Holy City of Ephasus...

WE HAVE ARRIVED. THE CREATURE YOU CALL LUCIFER IS IN THE BASEMENT OF THE MAIN TEMPLE.

AT LAST!

LEAVE THE BAG WITH ME. YOU WILL HAVE TO FACE THE MASTER WITHOUT YOUR HOLY WATER AND BAG OF CROSSES.

YOU'RE A BAALOITE! A DEVIL WORSHIPER!

YOU'RE ONE OF THE FIENDS WHO KILLED MR. OLIVER!

IF I AM SUCH A BEAST THEN YOUR HUSBAND IS WORSE. ASK HIM WHY HE BROUGHT YOU HERE... AND GO! DO NOT KEEP THE MASTER WAITING.

THEY SEEM TO KNOW AN AWFUL LOT ABOUT YOU. HE KNEW WHAT WAS IN THE BAG.

THEY'VE STUDIED ME JUST AS I'VE STUDIED SATAN. IT IS A WISE MAN WHO KNOWS HIS ENEMY.

...AND A WISE WOMAN WHO KNOWS HER HUSBAND. WHY DID YOU BRING ME HERE?

YOU'RE MY WIFE, CLARA, I WANTED YOU WITH ME.

I WAS YOUR BAIT, WASN'T I? I WAS TO LURE THE DEVIL OUT INTO THE OPEN SO THAT YOU COULD GET TO HIM!

YOU WOULD HAVE BEEN SAFE. I HAD IT ALL PLANNED. I JUST DIDN'T FIGURE ON THE BAALOITES.

DEVIL!

BRAVO, CLARA, BRAVO! YOU'VE HAD THAT COMING TO YOU, AMOS. YOU'VE HAD IT COMING FOR A LONG TIME.

DON'T YOU RECOGNIZE ME, AMOS? I AM HE WHOM YOU SEEK. I AM LUCIFER-SATAN!

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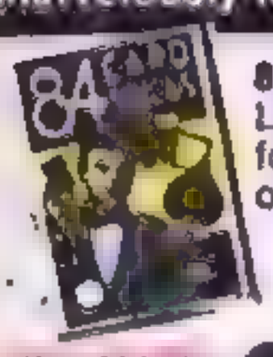

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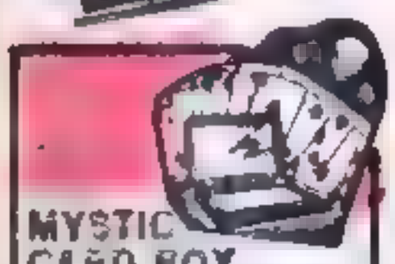

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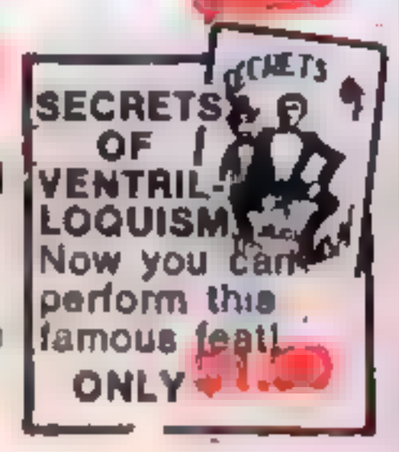

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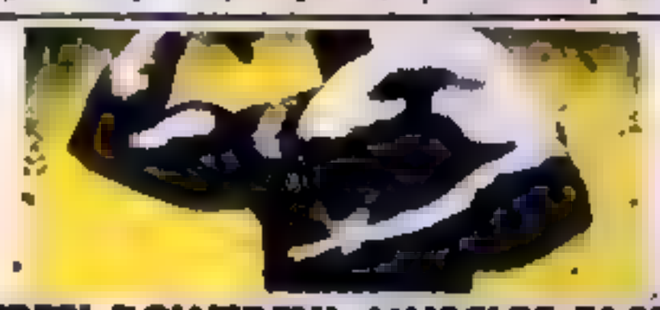

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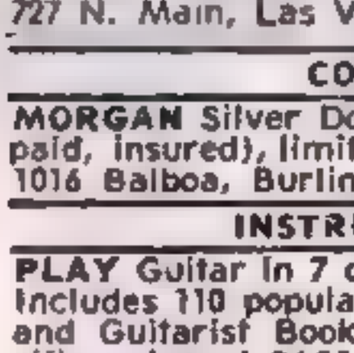

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WITCH'S mail

Dear Winnie;

You haven't had a letter page so I guess this won't be printed. but I wanted to write and tell you how much I love you anyway. So this isn't a fan letter, it's a love letter. I think you're the kickiest chick in all comicdom. If there's ever a beauty contest for comic book characters. I think you'll win easily. I really dig how cool you stay when witches are casting spells, Satanic characters chasing ordinary mortals around, and so forth. It doesn't bother you a bit.

What bothers me is you usually wear the same outfits. I like the way you look, but couldn't you dress in a bikini bathing suit or maybe slacks or some of the groovy styles girls are wearing these days? How about a Winnie fashion page. Or cut-outs with different costumes. Sounds crazy, but it's just that I really dig your comic book and you're the biggest reason why!

Maybe a single-page pin-up of you would be the answer, Winnie. What do you think?

With love,
Bruce Wyatt

What I think, Bruce, is you're a living doll! It's very nice of you to notice my costume, and I think you're right about my wearing a bikini or slacks once in awhile just to break the monotony. Not that my line of work is all that monotonous. Keeping company with creeps like werewolves, vampires, and an odd ghost now and then isn't too boring. In fact, there are some eve[illegible], around the cemetery or wherever I'm loitering [illegible]e moment when I find myself wishing all the dead would just stay in their graves and not come crawling around giving people a hotfoot or yelling "Boo!" just when they're dozing off. Do you honestly think I'm prettier than all those other glamorous chicks in the competition's comics? I mean, *I* think I am but after all I'm not exactly unbiased.

Winnie

Dear Winnie the Witch;

I heard from other fans that Charlton planned to have a letter page in all your ghost comics so I'm writing to you because your *Ghostly Haunts* is where I want to be.

The last issue I read, GH#39, had a terrific cover and the author seemed to me to be the one and only Tom Sutton but the signature looks like the initials are FS ? Anyway, it's Sutton cover, I'm sure of that, unless you take an oath otherwise and even then I'd wonder.

The lead story had a moral and all that. Two selfish people are intent on robbing an elderly couple and the elderly couple wind up stealing the young ones' most precious possession — youth. It was an okay story but it had an ordinary background and not eerie enough for a real creep like me.

Forget the fiction filler altogether. I think letter pages are more interesting. It gives the reader a chance to tell you what he likes, and once in awhile we can get off a blast when there's something in a Charlton comic we don't like.

Incidentally, I mailed a money order for $5.00 and ordered four subscriptions. I hope you don't goof off because I've missed some issues of your comics in the local stores in the past. Either they sold out before I got to the comic book racks or else the store didn't get the Charlton ghost comics in the first place.

Who's this Jack Daniels who wrote "The Last Cruise of the Princess III" in the middle of the book. It sounds familiar. Anyhow, at first I thought I didn't like Rudi Palais' illustrations but I got interested in the story and then decided the art work was sort of eerie after all. One thing is certain; Palais drew you, Winnie, as well as any illustrator working for Charlton. You look pretty sharp in places.

The last story "Moon of Vengeance" was really weird. The idea of a girl reincarnated in this century and going back to the actual place where she was a human sacrifice in a former life was wild. And having it end the way it did was a change from the neat, pat endings so many comic book yarns usually have.

I like *Ghostly Haunts*, Winnie. I just wish you'd get involved in some of the stories once in awhile.

Sincerely,
Edward Bryer
Nashville, Tenn.

Nice letter, Edward. Thanks for subscribing to our mags. We appreciate faithful fans here at Charlton. We agree, more or less with your analysis of *Ghostly Haunts* #39. Now, I think I'm running short of space so I want to thank you fans who have written in the past before we had a letter page. Now, we have one and we'll be printing your letters each issue.

All my love,
Winnie.

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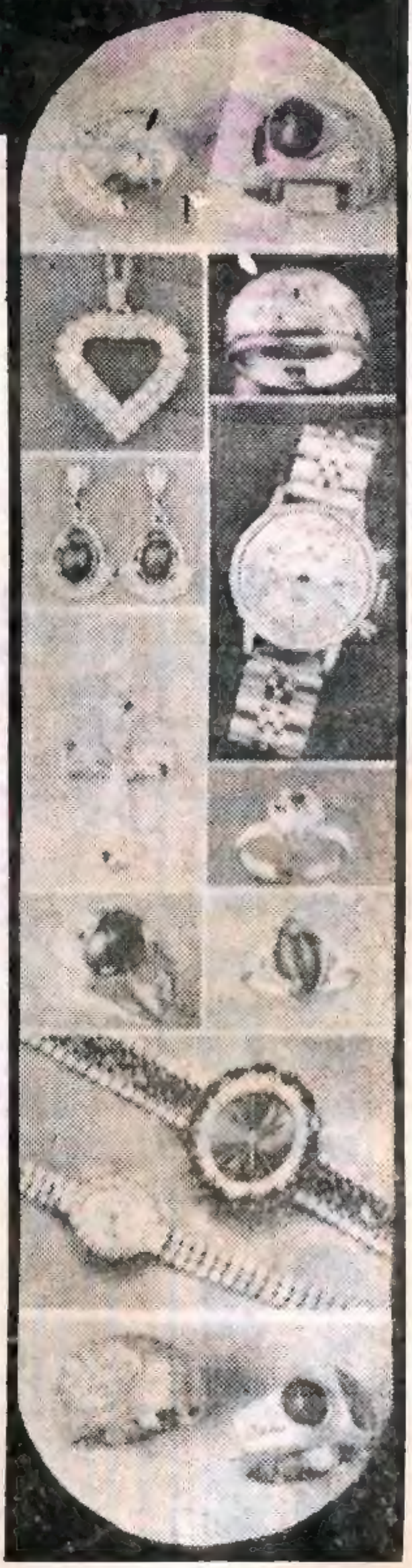

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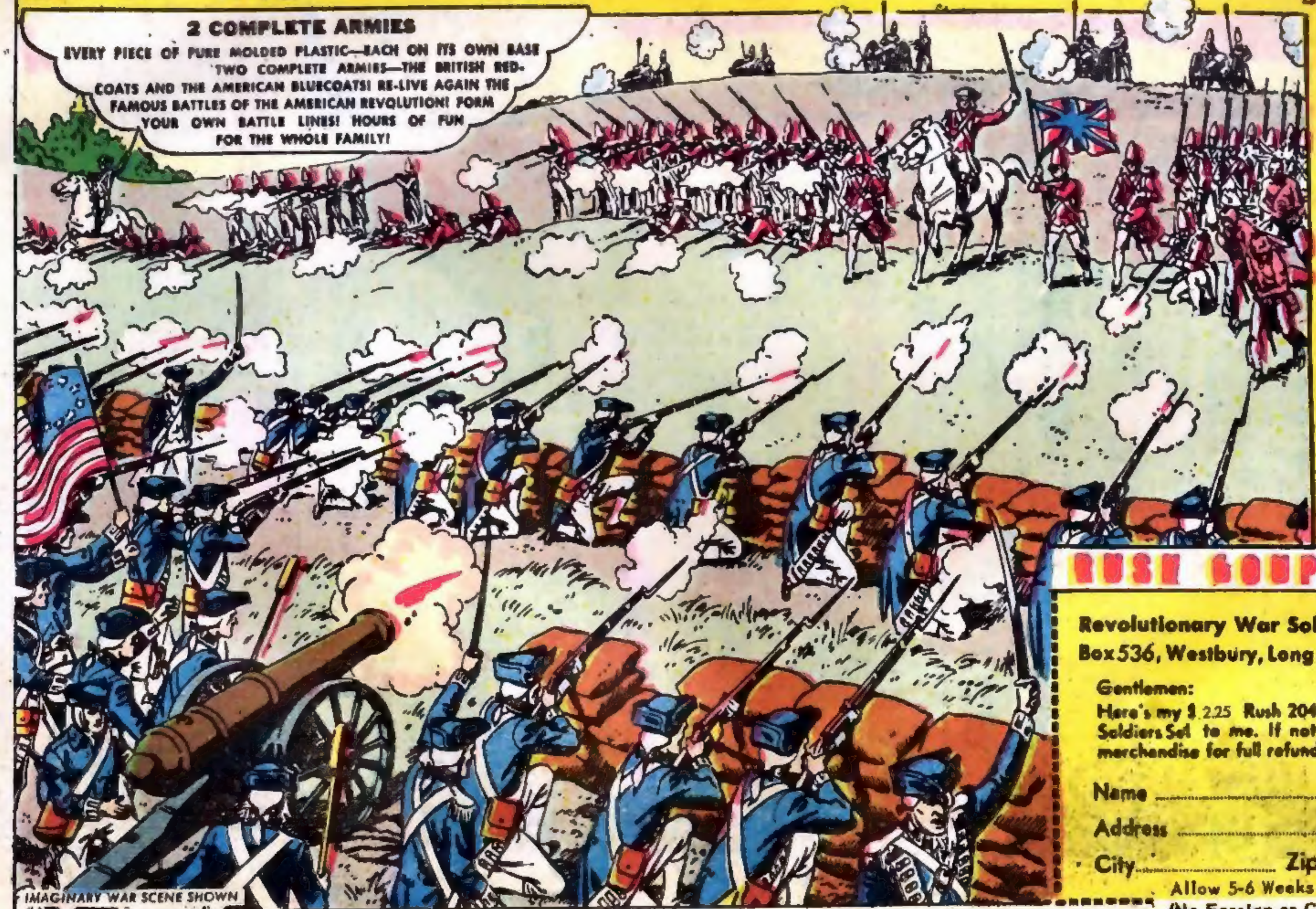

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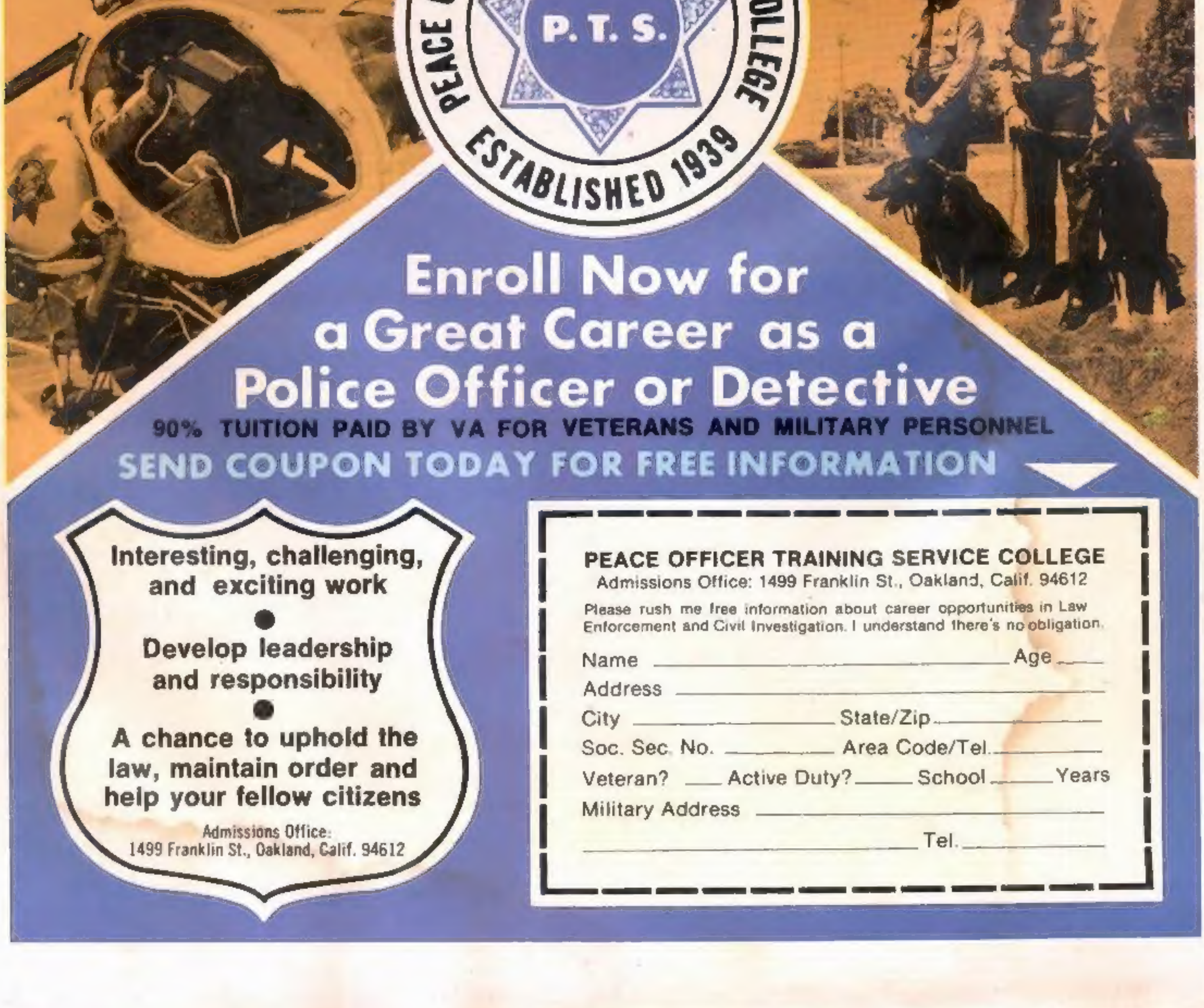

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